

IV. REMARKS


1. Claims 1, 5-11, 13-16, and 25 remain in the application. Claims 2-4, 12, 17-24, and 26 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 5-11, 13-16, and 25 have been amended to comply with US practice and to clarify the features of the invention.

2. The specification has been amended to include a priority claim.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims present in the application are clearly novel and patentable, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable consideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## II. SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the Title as follows:

~~POLARIZATION CONVERSION UNIT FOR REDUCING POLARIZATION DEPENDENT  
MEASUREMENT ERRORS~~ DEPOLARIZER

On page 1, after the Title, please add:

This is the Nation Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP02/011932, filed 25  
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